

Physical Therapy Examining Board

2022 Annual Review

- **Board Members in 2022:** Shari Berry, PT (Tomah); Barbara Carter, PTA (Black River Falls); John Greany, PT (La Crosse); Todd McEldowney, Public Member (Rhinelander); and Kathryn Zalewski, PT (Milwaukee). Kathryn Zalewski resigned in early 2022.

- **Officers in 2022:** Shari Berry (Chair), Barb Carter (Vice Chair), and John Greany (Secretary).

- **2022 Liaison Appointments:**

Credentialing – Shari Berry, Kathryn Zalewski (Alternate – Barbara Carter)

Monitoring – Todd McEldowney (Alternate – John Greany)

Education and Exams – Shari Berry, Barbara Carter (Alternate – Kathryn Zalewski)

Legislative – Shari Berry (Alternate – Kathryn Zalewski)

Travel – Barbara Carter (Alternate – John Greany)

Website – Barbara Carter, John Greany (Alternate – Todd McEldowney)

Professional Assistance Procedure – John Greany (Alternate – Todd McEldowney)

Screening Panel – Todd McEldowney, John Greany (Alternate – Kathryn Zalewski)

Licensure Compact – Shari Berry (Alternate- Kathryn Zalewski)

- **PT Compact Implementation:**

The PT Licensure Compact Law was enacted in Wisconsin (2019 Wisconsin Act 100) on February 5th, 2020, which included the addition of Subchapter X, Wis. Stat. s.448.985, to Chapter 448 in the Medical Practice Act.

- o The board wrote and submitted rules related to the Compact (CR #20-056: PT 1 to 10). Implementation of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact was complete and effective as of July 2, 2021.

- o The Department actively worked to secure operational processes. Compact Privileges were ready for issue beginning October 3, 2022.

- **Administrative Rules:**

The board wrote and submitted emergency and permanent rules for Wis. Admin. Code PT Chapter 5, relating to supervision of physical therapist assistants.

- o The following rule project is complete and effective as of July 1, 2022:

- o Wis. Admin. Code PT 5 Related to Supervision of Physical Therapist Assistants

o Other rules in-progress: None at this time

• **Conference, Training and Special Meetings:**

- o Shari Berry (delegate) virtually attended the **2022 Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Leadership Issues Forum (LIF)** – July 23-24, 2022.
- o Shari Berry (delegate) attended the virtual **FSBPT Delegate Workshop and Assembly** on October 24th, 2022.
- o Shari Berry (delegate) virtually attended **the 2022 FSBPT Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly** – October 28-29, 2022.
- o Shari Berry presented an overview of the changes to PT Chapter 5 at the **APTA Wisconsin Hot Topic/Professional Issues Forum** during the Fall Conference on October 6th, 2022.

• **Licensure Process Update:**

- o The department completed its transition for new PT/PTA applicants using **LicensE**, an online application system.
 - Sandbox opportunity provided to all schools/ educators
 - Instructional videos and manuals completed and posted online
- o Renewals for PT/PTA will be done through LicensE for current license holders.
- o Lori Dominiczak, former PTEB board chairperson and member, completed review of the Jurisprudence exam with the department. Relevancy and updated statute and rule references completed.

• **Board actions to Address Department Resources:**

- o The board sent a letter to the Joint Legislative Council Study Committee on Occupational Licensing and the Joint Committee on Finance requesting that DSPS be allowed to utilize reserve funds currently lapsed from fee revenue to adequately perform its duties to protect the residents of Wisconsin, not restrict timely entry into its regulated professions, and provide adequate customer service.

• **Licensing Activity:**

	<u>PT</u>	<u>PTA</u>
Applications Received	243	58
Licenses Issued	477	111
License Renewals	0	0
Act 10 credential totals	43	2
Predetermination Reviews	2	0

• **Enforcement Activity (PT and PTA):**

Complaints received:

Source of complaints received (*Note: A complaint may have more than one source*):

- o Anonymous: 1
- o Consumer: 2

- o Employer: 1
- o Family: 1
- o Licensee: 1
- o National Practitioner Databank: 1
- o Physical Therapist Compact/New Hampshire Governing Board of Physical Therapists: 1
- o Self: 2:
- o Wisconsin Department of Health Services: 7
- **Number of respondents involved: 15**
- **Number of cases opened for investigation: 3**

Total cases/respondents closed: 21

Note: Cases/respondents closed in 2022 may have been received in previous years.

- Closed at screening: 15
- Closed after investigation: 3
- Closed with formal action: 3
- Cases pending as of January 2023: 2

Projects for 2023:

- Track process, successes, and barriers related to applicants who apply for Compact privileges and Foreign Educated Physical Therapists.
- Review website instructions for compact licensure and LicenseE applications/ renewals.
- Monitor licensure process to determine if delays are improving.